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This year's Shirley Noble Volunteerism Award will be given to Doris Zampella, owner and executive vice president of E.A. Boniakowski Agency Inc. in Green Brook.

Doris also is a founding partner of two insurance agencies, Jaz Maz Enterprises LLC, and owns and operates three Rita's franchises in Central Jersey. She is a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with the Martinsville Rescue Squad.

I am pleased to congratulate Doris Zampella for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research, and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mote Marine Laboratory

Address of Requesting Entity: 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$500,000 for Science Consortium for Ocean Replenishment (SCORE) at Mote Marine Laboratory.

SCORE is a multi-state initiative for the recovery of the nation's ocean fisheries. Its approach is to replenish diminishing marine fisheries stocks based on scientific protocols developed through a highly coordinated national effort focused on demonstration of successful stock enhancement. This fast-track strategy has the potential to be more cost-effective and timely than policy measures traditionally used to conserve and sustain ocean resources. The consortium includes institutions from Florida, New Hampshire, Washington and University of Southern Mississippi.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service—SRG Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mote Marine Laboratory

Address of Requesting Entity: 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$416,000 sustainable aquaculture food technology innovations.

Mote Marine Laboratory and the University of Texas Marine Science Institute are seeking funds for a five-year research program to develop innovative and sustainable technologies to farm marine fishes on land and to expand the supply of safe seafood for U.S. consumers. A critical need exists for inland re-circulating aquaculture technologies to reduce

the large and growing global demand for seafood, to reduce fishing pressure on declining wild fish populations, and to improve our nation's food security and health. The growing demand for marine fishery resources is currently being met through imported seafood produced in coastal ponds or sea cages in other countries around the world.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Member requesting: Congressman Gus M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Name of requesting entity: Phoenix House

Address of requesting entity: 6604 Harney Road, Tampa, Florida 33610

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to help develop an enhanced residential substance abuse treatment program for women in Hillsborough County, Florida. This funding is justified because Byrne discretionary grants are used to help states and local communities prevent drug abuse and crime, which is the purpose of this program.

#### COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF SOMERSET COUNTY

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month, and I would like to congratulate a number of outstanding women who will be recognized at the Somerset County's Commission on the Status of Women awards in New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District.

The Commission presents awards annually in celebration of National Women's History Month in March. This year there are 17 women being honored, including entrepreneurs, educators and hometown heroes whose community service is considered extraordinary.

This year's Hometown Hero Award winner is Edith Lit of Manville.

For the past seven years, Edith has organized a "Wish List" campaign to make the holidays brighter for clients of Alternatives Inc. by encouraging her fellow Somerset County Library System employees to adopt a person or family.

For the past three years, she has included the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter in the libraries' "Wish List" drive.

Edith also participates in the "point in time" survey conducted by the county Department of Human Services to identify homeless individuals and families, and actively organizes co-workers and friends to help too.

I am pleased to congratulate Edith Lit for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, March 9, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 210, H. Res. 222, and H.R. 131.

Had I been present for Roll Call #110, on suspending the Rules and passing H. Res. 210, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on classroom performance, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for Roll Call #111, on suspending the Rules and passing H. Res. 222, Congratulating the National Assessment Governing Board on its 20th Anniversary in measuring student academic achievement, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for Roll Call #112, on suspending the Rules and passing H.R. 131, the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act, I would have voted "Aye."

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: COPS-Meth

Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1763, Sikeston, Missouri 63801

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$165,000 to supplement and support operations of the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force (SEMO DTF). SEMO DTF is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force unit that serves a 10 county area of Southeast Missouri. The unit conducts both cover and overt investigations into the possession, manufacture, and distribution of controlled substances. The funds will be spent as follows: \$28,000 for personnel, \$68,000 for overtime compensation, \$60,000 for equipment, \$2,500 for telecommunication services, \$5,000 for supplies, and \$1,500 for personnel expenses.

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